

Colossians 2:13-15 “On Your Behalf”

In our criminal justice system, judges sit behind wooden desks, passing judgment
They cannot remove guilt, but only minimize future offenses thru productive sentencing.
G the F, however, the heavenly judge, fully acted on your behalf. Col 2:13-15.

13 And YOU, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
If you're saved by Jesus Christ, you were at one time:

NOT reconciled to God, NOT related to GOD, NOT redeemed by God ... BUT
GOD made alive together with him, having forgiven ALL our trespasses, 14 by
canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands

God reconciled us to Him

God restored our relationship with Him

God redeemed our compounded debt of sin against His holy standard

Breathed eternal life into us

Paid the debt of sin compounded against us and resulting in .

We were like a condemned building, our grim future certain, but our form still ‘standing

We were dead men/women walking, death sentence delivered with no deliverance.

But God breathed eternal life into us...How did God do it?

This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

He didn't nail sin itself to the cross,

some glob of pride, some cloud of lust, some sound-bite of hate

Sin has to embody a person.

So God sacrificially had Jesus nailed to the cross, the electric chair of the 1st century

Why did Jesus have to do it?

We humans have sinned against God, therefore a human had to save us.

But a dirty, sinful human couldn't save us.

Even the best good person couldn't save us bc sin condemns us all.

You don't clean a dirty floor with a dirty mop

Therefore, someone perfect had to come and redeem us.

God had to become a man. The God-man.

God the Father sent God the Son.

Through Jesus being the Christ, the Anointed One of God to redeem us, we are
exclusively saved. By no other means can we be saved.

The extradition of sin was excruciating for Christ. He bore your sin, paid for it, killed it.

He took away our sin AND He took away the major weapon of our spiritual enemies...

15 He disarmed the rulers and the authorities and put them to open shame, by
triumphing over them in him.

The main weapon that the rulers and authorities HAD against us was guilt.

That guilt has been disarmed.

The bullets of guilt in the chambers of our enemy's guns are absent.

All they can do now is shoot blanks at u, false guilt to weaken ur confidence in the cross

The purpose of tonight is to affix our attention on the success of the cross: to redeem us

If you believe, your sins are paid for, your reconciliation to God enabled

But we can be like little kids, with a short attention span.

Cling to who loves you most and who sacrificed Himself on your behalf

Cling to the access to God Christ cleared on your behalf

Cling to a life of reflective sacrifice He demonstrated on your behalf. Amen.